COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE
Norman Oppenheimer, PhD, Chair

MINUTES
Meeting of May 7, 2002

PRESENT: N. Oppenheimer (Chair), J. Barbaccia, B. Newcomer, G. Gregory, S. Eisendrath, D. Perry

ABSENT: P. Robertson, S. Norberg, R. Binder, J. Howley

The meeting of the Committee on Faculty Welfare was called to order by Chair Oppenheimer on May 7, 2002 at 12:10 pm in Room S226. A quorum was present.

Chair’s Report

Chair Oppenheimer distributed the text of Draft Recommendations regarding Parking and Transportation Services which he will forward to the Department of Parking and Transportation pending approval by the Committee. The text of these recommendations is as follows:

The Committee strongly recommends that Parking and Transportation Services vigorously explore all means to address the crisis in short-term parking on the Parnassus Heights campus. The inability of volunteer faculty members to meet with students or instances where patients miss an appointment because the parking structure is full, greatly affects the faculty’s ability to fulfill the academic and patient care missions of UCSF. To this end, Parking and Transportation Services should consider the construction/lease of more parking structures in the vicinity of the Parnassus campus as a benefit to both the campus and the neighboring community. With input from the community, this could be a “win-win” situation for both parties. Consideration should also be given to setting aside designated levels for short-term parking only as well as reorganizing, curtailing, or even moving most all-day parking from the Millberry parking structure to a second site.

The committee recommends that Parking and Transportation Services undertake a detailed cost analysis regarding subsidized alternative transportation modes versus the costs of procurement of additional parking structures. This information is essential for proper allocation of resources; e.g. bolstering existing transportation programs as well as promoting new initiatives.

Regardless of what decisions are made, the Committee recommends that Parking and Transportation Services work to include more in depth consideration of community relations in the Study Review and outline fully the impact of UCSF parking and transportation decisions on the community. There is probably no more contentious interaction of UCSF with the neighborhoods than over parking.
The Committee will comment on these draft recommendations by email prior to the meeting of June 5, 2002.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee will approve the minutes of the meeting of April, 2002 at the meeting of June 5, 2002.

Systemwide Report – Renee Binder, MD, Chair, University Committee on Faculty Welfare

The systemwide report was delivered by George Gregory, MD.

G. Gregory informed the Committee that guidelines on the use of parking revenue at UC campuses have been released by the systemwide committee. G. Gregory agreed to distribute these guidelines to interested committee members on request.

G. Gregory noted that the systemwide committee discussed the following issues but that no actions were taken:

- **Legal Liability** – the committee discussed the possibility of recommending that the University substitute the cost of private legal services in the event that a faculty member is involved in legal action regarding professional misconduct.
- **Retirement Benefits Equality for Domestic Partners** – the Regents of the University of California will vote in the near future on the provision of equal access to retirement benefits for domestic partners and married couples.
- **Systemwide Insurance Providers** – the University received several bids for the provision of insurance plans for UC employees. The Regents are currently reviewing these bids and regardless of the provider chosen, expect costs to consumers to rise by up to 20%.

Chancellor’s Report on Faculty Life (Attached)

The Committee reviewed the Executive summary of this report and discussed future consideration of the issues raised. The Committee agreed to postpone further discussion of the report until Fall, 2002.

Old Business

None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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